



Medicaid and Missourians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Medicaid (*called MO HealthNet in Missouri*) is a health insurance program that helps children, adults, pregnant women, seniors, and people with disabilities get the health care they need. This helps families and communities stay healthy and productive. Medicaid covers many types of care, like physical and mental health, dental, and vision services.

Medicaid also...

- ✓ Benefits our state budget
- ✓ Supports the creation of jobs
- ✓ Keeps rural hospitals open
- ✓ Benefits our economy

MO HealthNet in Missouri

Medicaid is very important for Missourians with disabilities. It pays for services that help people live in their homes and communities instead of moving into nursing homes or other institutions. These are called Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). **This helps people stay active in their communities and saves money for the state.**



14% of Missouri Medicaid funding comes from General Revenue.



\$1.88 from federal government for every \$1 spent by MO.



1.2 Million Missourians rely on Medicaid



68% of MO HealthNet spending on LTSS are for services in the community.

Source: Missouri Budget Project & Missouri Foundation for Health

Older Adults & People with Disabilities

Without supports provided through Medicaid, many Missourians **would not be able to stay in their homes and communities.** This has the potential to push Missourians into more **costly and inappropriate settings**, like institutional care, ultimately raising costs to the state.



Nearly **20% of older adults** in Missouri have Medicaid



More than **120,000** under the age of 65 and are enrolled in Medicaid, have a disability

Source: Missouri Budget Project

Added Requirements Are Cuts



Per Capita Caps

Would lower the overall amount of funding Missouri receives. Missourians would **receive less care** and it would **reduce how much doctor's are reimbursed**.



Block Grants

Block grants would reduce federal funding. The federal government would no longer help Missouri adjust to changing costs. If expenses go over the budget, the state would need to use its own money or **cut back on who can get Medicaid or what services it covers**.



Work Requirements

Missouri already has a slow system for processing Medicaid applications. **Missouri ranks in the bottom 14% of states in application processing times**. Extra rules, like work requirements, could make things worse. Though many plans “carve out” people with disabilities, some people might lose their health insurance even if they qualify for it.

Source: Most Policy Initiative

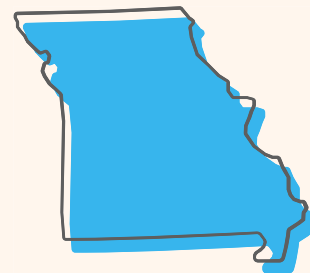
Medicaid & Our State Budget



Missouri is facing a funding cliff as federal funds expire and state tax cuts are reducing funds at the same time. To fill the gap, the state would have to spend *more* money—which is unlikely given state revenues—or cut services, reduce who is eligible, or lower payments to doctors.

Investing in Medicaid Helps Our State

Medicaid is a lifeline for people across our state. It helps people with disabilities live and work in their communities and supports families. Cutting Medicaid would hurt the state's economy, make health care harder to afford, and strain the state budget.



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